

Utility office THU NOV 18 1993 commemorates former mayor

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STAFF WRITER

After 80 years Bill McCall shows no signs of letting up.

The former mayor and longtime Alameda is going strong and says he feels as young as he did 20 years ago.

It is McCall's energy and forthrightness that has earned him recognition as a gutsy leader and prompted the City Council last year to name the new Bureau of Electricity headquarters the William M. McCall Sr. Service Center.

The outspoken McCall becomes humble when asked how it feels to be the focus of today's commemoration of the new Bureau facility.

"I was surprised," McCall said. "I just think it's one of the nicest things that has happened to me."

But to city leaders and many others naming the building after him was an ob-

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thy recipient of a city honor

early childhood, when he grew up across the street from an energy station on Park Street.

McCall considered a career at the bureau, but moved on to Pacific Bell when there were no job openings at the city's utility.

But he did a great deal of work on behalf of the bureau during his long years of city service. McCall served on the City Council

between 1953 and 1974 and was mayor for three different terms during that period. He has served on the Public Utilities Board since 1987.

McCall says keeping electric rates down is one of the most important things he has been a part of during his PUB tenure.

For McCall, the new bureau facility is very much his kind of

building.

"There's no frills," McCall said. "This is a real workable building for the employees, it's a morale builder and I think it will increase productivity."

When it comes to giving out credit, he points to citizens who have supported the bureau. "It's the greatest investment they every made," McCall said.

vious choice.

"He's one of the great leaders of Alameda," said Councilman Lil Arnerich. "Bill McCall is a type of guy that every community should have. He has put more into the community than he could ever hope to take out."

His connection to the city-owned utility goes back to his

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A native of Alameda, McCall, 51, has served on the city council the past 12 years, including a two-year tenure as mayor. He is now vice mayor. He has served in executive capacity with the League of California Cities and is now a member of the Regional Water Pollution Control Board.

McCall lives at 1105 Mound St. with his wife, Georgia. They have two children. McCall is employed by Pacific Telephone Co.

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"Because of the many complex planning problems which Alameda faces at this time, I feel strongly that the council should appoint a citizens committee representing a full cross-section of our community to make a comprehensive study of community needs for now and in the future which would publish its findings for the information of the public."

Reagan Visits Bay, Talks Taxes

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White House, but he dodged questions about whether he plans to use it as a springboard to a presidential campaign. He conceded he would not be unhappy if the other 49 states follow his lead, and while disavowing any current plans to seek the Republican presidential nomination in 1976, said, "I feel very strongly about going out on the mashed potato circuit and talking about taxes."

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McCall Is Lone GOP Entry in Election

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This is another in a series of articles about each of the seven candidates who are running for the vacancy in the 14th Assembly District created by the recent death of Assemblyman Robert Crown, D-Alameda. A special primary election, which will affect a part of East Oakland, San Leandro, Alameda and San Lorenzo, will be held Aug. 7. A run-off election, if necessary, will be held Sept. 4.

Alameda Councilman William M. McCall 59, three times mayor of that city, is the sole Republican candidate in the seven-man field competing in the 14th Assembly District special election Aug. 7.

Unless some candidate wins a majority vote in the primary and is elected, McCall is assured of a Republican



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a death penalty initiative. Should the legislature now adopt a bill calling for the death penalty in certain cases?

A—Yes. The legislature is duty-bound to pass such a bill and thereby uphold the will of the people.

Q—Metropolitan Oakland International Airport and the proposed Harbor Bay Isle residential development in adjacent Alameda are parties to what has been called a "classic" example of a land use dispute. Do you favor regional control over such conflicts between neighboring communities?

A—No way. I think the City of Alameda is an entity to itself. It happens to be adjacent to an airport. I, for one, want to see the airport developed as proposed by the regional airport study, but not at the cost of health, safety

governmental service, both in the city and on regional boards, have given me a relationship with local, county and state officials which will be of great future service. I would spend full-time on the job.

I feel there has to be room for one Republican on the Eastbay delegation to Sacramento. I am particularly concerned about the problems of the elderly. People get old and no one seems to care too much about them, despite their long years in raising families and paying taxes. I am especially concerned about the housing problems of the elderly.

I am also interested in the job problem, particularly for the young. All youngsters can't be college graduates. I'd like to see some type of summer work program for

youngsters at trades they are interested in. It could be considered part of their apprenticeship period. If elected, I would sponsor legislation to that effect.

Finally, I don't owe anyone anything. I am clean as a whistle. Everything I have, I've earned.

mary and is elected, McCall is assured of a Republican nomination for a Sept. 4 runoff election.

McCall is long prominent in Eastbay municipal affairs. Elected to the Alameda City Council six times, he is a past president of the East Bay division of the League of California Cities and the Alameda County Mayors' Conference.

He presently is vice chairman and Alameda County's representative on the Regional Airport System Study Committee and serves on the Alameda County Airports Land Use Planning Commission.

He was an unsuccessful candidate for the county board of supervisors in 1970.

A right-of-way agent for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., McCall is married and has two grown sons.

Following are his replies to a series of questions posed by The Tribune, along with his views on the current campaign:

Q—If, because of reapportionment, you find yourself in another district which has an incumbent running for re-

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election, would you be a candidate against him or her?

A—If elected, I will run again.

Q—Do you favor Gov. Reagan's initiative calling for a ceiling on state spending?

A—Yes. I also favor a freeze on the state sales tax until we can take a look at the state's mounting surplus.

Q—Do you favor Assemblyman John Knox's bill setting up a regional governmental agency?

A—I have always been opposed to regional government. I have always been in favor of local, home rule. We don't need another layer of government.

Q—A major legislative battle is expected over a bill giving public employees the right to strike. Would you favor or oppose such a bill?

A—I would oppose such a bill. I would suggest the following procedure in the cases of impasses: first fact-finding; then mediation and, finally, binding arbitration on both sides.

Q—The public has approved

at the cost of health, safety and noise pollution of Alameda. But there is no reason why the City of Oakland and Alameda can't live together. I am flatly opposed to the use of runway 27, at old North Field, by any jets. But a new runway, built outboard of new runway 29, would be fine.

Q—How do you see the issues?

A—First of all, I think the 14th District should be represented by a legislator who will fight to retain the district as it is if at all possible. Further, I think that my 20 years of

CANDIDATE SUPERVISOR, 3RD DISTRICT, ALAMEDA COUNTY

PERSONAL DATA

WILLIAM M. MC CALL 1105 Mound Street, Alameda, California 94501

Born in City of Alameda, October 26, 1913 at 975 Park Street where my father still resides.

Married. Wife's name: Georgalee. 2 sons: Jim and Bill.
4 grandchildren: Gerilee, Colleen, Debra Rae and Michael.

Elected to Alameda City Council 1953. Re-elected 1957, 1961, 1965 and 1969.

Served as Mayor for three terms from 1957 to 1961; and 1967 to 1969.

Past President Mayors' and Councilmen's Department, League of California Cities.

Past President East Bay Division, League of California Cities.

Past Member Board of Directors, League of California Cities, representing all Mayors and Councilmen in California.

Past President of Alameda County Mayors' Conference.

Past member of Alameda County Mayors' Conference.

Past Chairman of Alameda County Mayors' Conference Assessment Practices Committee.

Alameda City representative to Association of Bay Area Governments, 1967 to 1969.

Presently member of Water Quality and Solid Waste Disposal Committee, League of California Cities.

Presently member of Bay Area Regional Airport Study Committee, representing Cities and Alameda County.

Presently member of Environmental Health Committee of Association of Bay Area Governments.

Member of the following organizations:

Associated Sportmen of California (Past President, 1952)

District Council #3, Associated Sportsmen of California (Past President, 1947)

Alameda Rod and Gun Club (Past President)

Island City Gun Club

N.A.S. Alameda Skeet and Trap Club

Fraternal Order of Eagles #1076 (27 years)

Benevolent Order of Elks #1015 (24 years) - Chairman Flag Day Committee.

Alameda Golf Club (30 years)

Telephone Pioneers of America (Past President of East Bay Council)

Honorary Life Member Alameda Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Life Member Award, Japanese American Citizens League.

Navy League Alameda Council.

California Wild Life Federation.

Civic Awards:

Fraternal Order of Eagles Civic Award (Giorello LaGuardia Civic Award, 1967)

Alameda Junior Chamber Civic Service Award

Alameda Council Parent-Teachers Honorary Life Member Award.

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Bowling and Golf.

March, 1970